

15th Oct., 1841

CITY OF QUEBEC. }

AT A PUBLIC MEETING of the QUALIFIED ELECTORS within the City and Suburbs of Quebec, who maintain the PRINCIPLE of the BRITISH CONSTITUTION, that no taxes shall be imposed, levied, or the proceeds applied, without the consent of a Representative Body, freely chosen by the qualified Electors: called by advertisement published in the newspapers, and by bills posted up in the public places of the City, and held at the Glacis School House, outside of St. John's Gate, on Wednesday, the 6th day of October, 1841, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposal lately made in the Town Council to impose, levy and apply taxes, within the City, under the authority of appointments by the Executive, and the Ordinance of the late Special Council of Lower Canada.

The Honble. JOHN NEILSON, Esquire, was called to the Chair :
And ED. GLACKEMEYER, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary.

The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted :

On motion of A. N. MORIN, Esquire, seconded by *Thos. Baillargé*, Esquire,

Resolved—That Her Majesty's Subjects in the Home Dominions enjoy an absolute and inherent right in their property, secured by an independent administration of justice, and a free representation of the majority of the qualified Electors, in the House of Commons, without whose vote no burthens can be imposed on the people.

On motion of A. TASCHEREAU, Esquire, seconded by *T. C. Aylwin*, Esquire,

Resolved—That a similar right was guaranteed to the Subject in the dominions of the Crown in North America, by the declarations contained in the Act of the British Parliament passed in the year 1778, for removing all doubts and apprehensions of taxation in the said dominions, by the Parliament of Great Britain.

On motion of J. CHABOT, Esquire, seconded by *Mr. Charles Gilbride*,

Resolved—That the Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which constituted a Special Council in the late Province of Lower Canada, consisting of members to be appointed by the Crown, with powers of taxation, was in violation of the aforesaid declarations of 1778.

On motion of Mr. J. B. FRECHETTE, seconded by *Mr. Pierre Guenette*,

Resolved—That the Ordinance of the said Special Council, appointed by the Executive authority of the Crown in this Province, whereby the Governor was authorized to appoint, and did appoint a Town Council for the City of Quebec, with power to impose, levy, and apply taxes on the Citizens, was in further violation of the said declarations of 1778, and in contravention of the legal right of property vested in the Subject in these parts of Her Majesty's Dominions.

On motion of Mr. JOHN TEED, seconded by *Mr. Pierre Gingras*.

Resolved—That the proceedings at a meeting of the said Town Council, held on the first of October instant, whereby an intention is expressed of the actual exercise of the said power of taxation, is a just subject of alarm and apprehension, and that it is the duty of the Citizens to oppose any such taxation by all legal and constitutional means.

On motion of F. X. METHOT, Esquire, seconded by *Frs. Séguin*, Esquire,

Resolved—That a Committee of Citizens be appointed to take all necessary steps by Petition or Remonstrance, to be presented to the said City Council, against the proposed taxation, and to report to meetings of the qualified Electors, to be called by public advertisement.

On motion of Mr. W. RUTHVEN, seconded by Mr. S. Tanswell,

Resolved—That the Gentlemen named in the following list, do compose the said Committee, with power to add to their number, and that seven form a Quorum of the said Committee at any meeting called by notice left at the respective domiciles of the Members.

On motion of C. TURGEON, Esquire, seconded Mr. *Férol Roy*,

Resolved—That the present Resolutions be printed without delay, and Copies thereof forwarded to the Members of the Legislature, and also, to the Editors of newspapers in the different parts of the late Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

The following List of the Committee was then proposed and adopted unanimously :—

LIST OF THE COMMITTEE.

ST. LOUIS WARD—T. C. Aylwin, W. Ruthven, M. Quigley, J. Chabot, L. Fiset, E. Parent.

ST. JOHN'S WARD—Charles De Guise, L. C. Baillargé, A. N. Morin, J. W. Woolsey, Jos. Légaré, senior, F. O. Gauthier.

SEMINARY WARD—Charles Turgeon, J. Nault, Thomas Baillargé, C. M. De Foy, A. B. Sirois, P. C. Crémazie.

PALACE WARD—Jos. Légaré, junior, J. B. E. Bacquet.

ST. LAWRENCE WARD—John Teed, H. O'Donnell, A. Gaudry, Abraham Hamel, P. Gingras, junior, Ed. O'Brien.

ST. CHARLES WARD—J. Neilson, F. X. Méthot, Jos. Marmette, E. Glackemeyer, Jos. Dion.

ST. ROCK WARD—Jean G. Tourangeau, — Lemieux, — Légaré, Notary, O. Vallières.

DORCHESTER WARD—Jos. G. Tourangeau, F. X. Paradis, Ed. Rousseau, James Kelly, P. Huot.

STE. GENEVIEVE WARD—M. Tessier, O. Robitaille, P. G. Tourangeau.

CARRIERS WARD—P. C. Faucher, J. B. Villeneuve, O. Lépine, Joseph Robitaille, Michel Moisan.

QUEBEC, 15th October, 1841.